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## In today's coverage . . .

. . . a new peer-reviewed study finds that biomass residuals – such as branches and tree tops left over from forestry operations – still have <u>a large net greenhouse gas impact when burned for energy</u>, seeking to counter pro-biomass arguments that the fuel is carbon neutral due to emissions the residuals would release through decomposition.

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